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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 22, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated August 7, 2008. *The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 609 requires the Examiner to consider any IDS filed by Applicants if timely submitted. A written communication notifying Appellants of the Examiner's consideration of the above IDS is required.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 7, 2008; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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